Washington, D.C. – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) announced today that the House of Representatives approved H.R. 3326, the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill, which completes the Appropriations Acts for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY2010). The bill includes more than \$29.6 million in funding for Georgia's Second Congressional District and the state of Georgia.

"Southwest Georgia has a strong military presence through our Army base at Fort Benning and the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany," Bishop said. "The funding approved by the House today will invest in necessary equipment, training, cutting-edge weaponry and research for our men and women in uniform. With this bill, we are protecting them as they go into battle in defense of our nation."

The following Second District and Georgia projects were included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill approved today by the House of Representatives:

- \$4,000,000 Soldier Center at Patriot Park, Fort Benning;
- \$800,000 Global Supply Chain Management, Albany State University;
- \$1,600,000 Cognitive Based Modeling and Simulation for Tactical Decision Support, Columbus State University;
 - \$800,000 Advanced Carbon Hybrid Battery for Hybrid Electric Vehicles, Columbus;
 - \$1,600,000 Customized Nursing Programs, Darton College (Albany, Ga.);
 - \$1,200,000 High Energy Li-Ion Technology for Aviation Batteries, Valdosta;
 - \$1,600,000 Advanced Lithium Battery Scale-up and Manufacturing, Atlanta;
- \$800,000 Demonstration and Validation of Renewable Energy Technology, Albany State University;
- \$2,400,000 Dr. John H. Hopps Defense Research Scholars Program, Morehouse College;
 - \$1,600,000 Cooperative Developmental Energy Program, Fort Valley State University;
 - \$1,520,000 Nanophotonic Biosensors, University of Georgia;
 - \$4,000,000 Fort Benning National Incident Management System/Operations Center;
 - \$1,600,000 Wire Integrity Technology, Warner Robins AFB;
- \$2,500,000 Advanced Bio-Engineering for Enhancement of Soldier Survivability, Georgia Tech University;
 - \$4,000,000 Advanced Sam Hardware Simulator Development, Georgia Tech University.

For a complete summary of the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations Act, please visit the House Appropriations Committee web site at http://appropriations.house.gov.

Once the conference report is approved by the Senate, it will go to the President's desk for his signature.

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